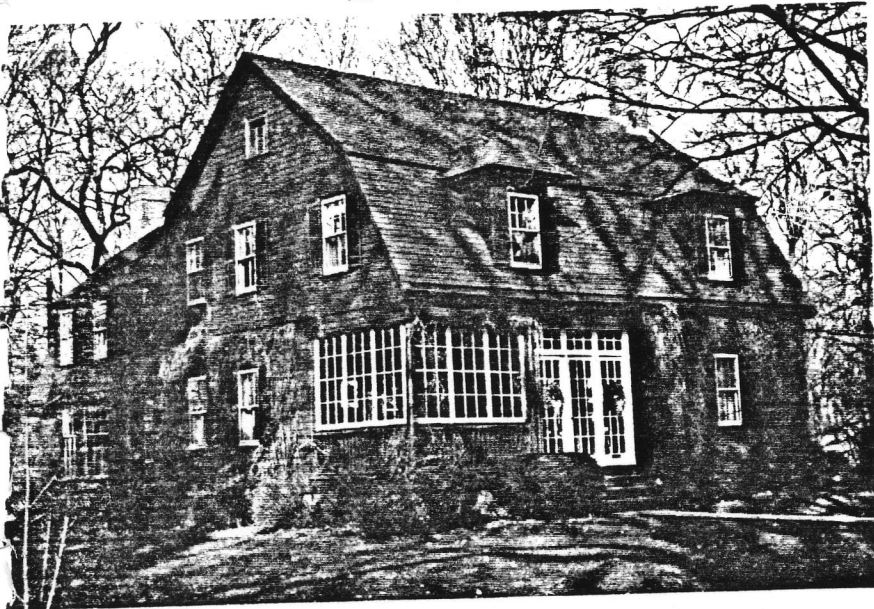


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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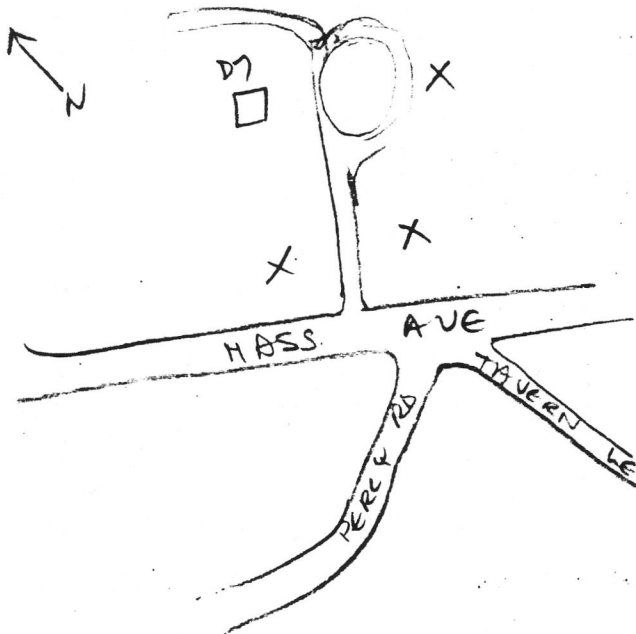
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Shingle

style

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect

Exterior wall fabric Shingle

Outbuildings (describe) Garage orig. barn

Other features Ell to left rear

Enclosed porch gambrel roof stone foundation

Altered no Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 175'

Approximate distance of building from street
300 (from Mass Ave)

6. Recorded by

Organization

Date 7/30/75

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) James S. Munroe ^{later} (Edward + Marian Kimball)
Original use Caretaker's cottage?
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	Humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical Significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Altered after designs by Wm. Roger Greeley

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
1359 MASS. AVENUE

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The original owner of this house was James S. Munroe. It may be the cottage mentioned in the *Lexington Minute-man* on January 6, 1893:

A cottage is in the course of erection by Mr. James T. (?) Munroe, on his estate in front of the Munroe railroad station, which will be occupied by his overseer. The cottage is to sit on the knoll which rises out of the surrounding meadow land like an island or oasis, and is shaded by beautiful trees. it is an unusually picturesque spot, and judging from appearances the cottage is to be in keeping with the pretty location.

After James S. Munroe's death, the property was sold to Marion Kimball, wife of Edward. Edward Kimball worked as an engineer for the New England Telephone Company. The Kimballs lived here as early as 1913. They had two daughters, Marion and Sallie. The younger Marian later married Roland Greeley (son of architect William Roger Greeley). The house was initially numbered 295 Massachusetts Avenue; about 1930 it was changed to 1359 Massachusetts Avenue. The Kimballs were still living here in 1942.

The house was later occupied by Roland and Marion Greeley. Roland Greeley sold the property in 1997.

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